

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The itinerant street fakir has discovered Sumpter.

Attorney McCulloch is visiting his family in Portland this week.

J. C. McShelby is in town today from the Cooper group of mines.

Silas Jones, representing a Portland candy factory, is in town today.

Trains are crowded daily with new arrivals, notwithstanding lodging is at a premium.

F. R. Mellis, the Baker City mining broker and operator, made a flying visit to Sumpter Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas McEwen returned Wednesday evening from a visit with friends at Union and La Grande.

J. E. Birch, one of the well informed prospectors of the Sumpter district, made THE MINER office a call this morning.

John F. Leland has been out to the Cooper group of mines this week and reports that forty dollar rock has been struck.

A rich strike in the Ibex was made a week or ten days since. It is reported this mine has been sold to an English syndicate.

Messrs. Woods & Baker have opened their new saloon, to be known as the Banquet, on Mill street, with a full stock of high grade cigars.

Mike Wright, of Helena, an old time Baker City boy, after a ten days tour of inspection in Sumpter, left on the noon train for Baker, impression favorable, sure to return.

Mr. H. G. Colton, of Portland, representing the old and reliable Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., of New York, was in Sumpter in the interest of his company during the week.

P. A. Pulley and W. L. Ludwick, two eastern business men, are here to engage in the boot and shoe trade, of which the manufacture of miners and prospectors footwear will be a specialty.

V. A. Schilling, the popular city ticket agent at Portland for the O.R. & N. Co., was in Sumpter Tuesday evening, on his way to the vicinity of the Gokonda mine, where he has some mining interests.

Wesley W. Warren, ore buyer for the Northport smelter, came in Tuesday from Cracker Creek and Cable Cove district. Mr. Warren will make his headquarters in Sumpter district during the winter.

Mrs. Josephine Forwood, of The Dalles, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Van Duyn, for some weeks past, left Sunday for home, but expects to return to Sumpter soon to remain permanently.

S. P. Shutt, formerly editor of the Sumpter News, was in town this week winding up his business affairs here and indulging in a few vain regrets for having disposed of his property interests too soon.

Miss Edna Miller, daughter of Mrs. Tedrowe, has returned to her home after a two weeks visit in Baker City. Miss Miller will leave for Portland in a few days to attend college there during the winter.

L. N. Crane, building contractor, fell off the roof while doing some repairs on THE MINER office and claimed to have broken a dozen or so ribs, but took the queerest medicine for such an accident ever heard of in medical science.

H. J. Jory, an assayer and mining man, recently from Republic, Washington, has decided to locate here. Mr. Jory made a thorough inspection of the mineral resources of this section about a year ago for Spokane capitalists. He has opened up an assay office at the lower end of Granite street.

Col. J. T. Grayson, of New York City, well known in mining circles, and who is now sufficiently interested in the Sumpter district to keep him here a

greater part of the time, has been in town and vicinity this week for the purpose of making a general tour and visit to all the mines and camps and becoming familiar therewith. The colonel is directly interested with General Warren and associates in the land company, etc., etc.

R. L. Graves, an assayer and chemist of considerable experience in Arizona, Utah and Montana, lately arrived in Sumpter from the British Columbia mines, where he has been engaged in his profession for the past year, to accept a position in one of the mines at Granite. He was most favorably impressed with this mining camp before he saw any of the mines.

H. H. Fritz is a new arrival from Republic, Washington. He has opened up a real estate and mining broker's office next door to THE MINER office. Mr. Fritz has spent some time during the summer in the Snake river and Seven Devils country, but says he finds nothing to compare with the rich mineral deposits of Sumpter and surrounding country.

Paul E. Poindexter has been induced by the business men and brokers of Sumpter to act as correspondent for the Idaho Statesman, which paper will give this town a square deal. This work will be very largely a labor of love on Mr. Poindexter's part.

Captain C. H. Thompson has again shown his faith in Sumpter by the spot cash purchase of the residence and lot on the southeast corner of Center and North streets, the conveyer being Miss Edna Miller, daughter of Mrs. Tedrowe, consideration, \$2000.

Tom Heady, of the Bunker Hill, has purchased a one-fourth interest in the Blue Bird claim, situated four miles from Granite. Grant Thornburg, proprietor of the Hotel Grand, at Granite, retains a one-third interest. The property will be developed at once.

Wm. Turner, sr., interested in the Last Loaf mine, a valuable property, was a Baker City visitor this week. He accompanied his son Will to that city, who was on his way to Portland, where he will attend school this winter.

A. H. Harrison and E. E. Barchard, two mining men and capitalists, are here looking over the country. They recently sold the R. C. mine in the Boundary district, British Columbia, where they have been operating.

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